

REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to the drawings. Submitted herewith are amended drawings for the Examiner's review. Further submitted are amendments to the specification that overcome any outstanding objection to the drawings.

The Examiner has further objected to the specification for allegedly containing boilerplate subject matter. Applicant respectfully disagrees with such objection. Applicant's disclosure, when taken as a whole, is both enabling and includes a disclosure of a best mode of operation. Further, even if there was boilerplate subject matter included in applicant's application, there is no basis for rejecting the same in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) or MPEP.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Woods, U.S. Patent No.: 6,510,417. Applicant respectfully disagrees with such rejection.

Specifically, the invention in this application was conceived of and/or reduced to practice at least as early as January 2000, which predates the effective date (March 21, 2000) of the Woods reference. See attached declaration and exhibits.

A notice of allowance or a proper prior art showing of each of the claimed features, in combination with the remaining claim elements, is respectfully requested.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 505-5100. For payment of the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. BVOC011).

Respectfully submitted,

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